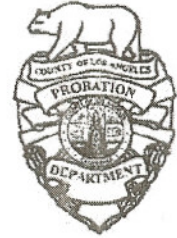




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January 10, 2011

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Donald H. Blevins
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SUBJECT: **DISTURBANCE AT CAMP JUDITH RESNIK**

This is to advise your Board of a disturbance that occurred at Camp Resnik on January 8, 2011 at approximately 3:30 p.m. At the time of the incident, the camp was recreating on the West side recreation field (basketball court area) when the fighting started. Preliminary information indicates that the disturbance may have been racially motivated as racial slurs were made and a minor was heard yelling out "Sur" (fight call for Southern gang members). The camp had 89 minors assigned with 37 minors assigned to the AB side and 47 minors assigned to the CD side and 5 minors housed in the Special Housing Unit.

There were 9 staff on duty with 4 staff assigned to supervise the West side reaction area where the incident occurred. Initial reports are that 21 minors were aggressively involved in the disturbance. Camp Resnik staff with the assistance of other Challenger neighboring camps quickly quelled the disturbance. No outside law enforcement assistance was required.

In an effort to gain control of the fighting, staff deployed pepper spray to stop the fighting. All minors involved have been examined and cleared by medical. As of this time, 4 minors have minor injuries, i.e. cuts and bruises, but remained in camp. No staff injuries have been reported. In order to maintain safety, security, and pending investigation, 21 minors were removed to the Special Housing Unit.

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board with more information as it becomes available.

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